(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the recommendations of Yashpal Committee have been accepted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) In the existing pattern of Question Papers framed for the Secondary and Senior Secondary Examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education, there are no objective type questions.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Major recommendations of the Yash Pal Committee have been accepted by the Government. These include laying down norms for pre-schools, discontinuance of tests/interviews for admission in pre-schools, greater involvement of teachers in preparation of school textbooks, replacement of context-based and quiz-type questions by concept-based questions in public examinations conducted at secondary and senior secondary school levels and extensive use of audio-visual materials in transaction of school curriculum.

Human Organs

3374. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any lawnae in the administration of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 have come to the notice of Government and if so, the detail, thereof;

(b) whether many instances have been reported in the press, where human organs, particularly kidneys, have been taken for monestory considerations;

(c) if so, the State-wise number of such cases and the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to make the law more stringent with regard to transplantation of human organs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the manner in which Government propose to deal with the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). The Trnasplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, is sufficiently stringent containing provisions for imprisonment/high fines for persons dealing unlawfully in human organs. The punishment for commercial transactions in human organs covers the donor/the done/doctors and hospitals involved, persons abetting such transactions etc. Some reports of continuance of illegal trade in human organs have come to notice on which the States who are implementing the Act have initiated action. According to available information, such cases have been reported in the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and the NCT of Delhi where doctors/agents have been arrested, chargesheets issued, doctors deregistered etc.

(d) The adequacy of the Act effectively stop the trade and sale of Human Organs can be assessed only if the Act is adopted by all the State Governments and implemented by them in right earnest. However, so far only 12 States and the Union Territories have adopted the Central Legislation/enacted similar legislation of their own. The other States are being continuously requested to adopt the Act.

Sale of Expired Drugs

3375. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether many cases of expired Drugs sales by Chemists have been detected by the Government;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to cancel the licences of such defaulters;

(c) whether many Government Hospitals are getting Sub-standard expired drugs through such dealers; and

(d) whether any action plan has been chalked out by the Government to prevent such sale of expired drugs by Chemists and Druggists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). The Central Government Hospitals in Delhi including the Central Government Health Schemes Organisation have not reported receipt of expired drugs from Chemists. However, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules made thereunder empower the State Licensing Authority to take punitive action against Chemists and Druggists who are found selling date expired drugs.

[Translation]

Birth Anniversary of Munshi Prem Chand

3376. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any amount had been sanctioned by the Government to Shri Prem Chand Memorial Building and developmental scheme committee, village Lamhi, Varanasi for commemoration of the birth anniversary of the great Hindi novelist Munshi Prem Chand;

(b) if so, whether that amount had been utilised for the Birth Anniversary; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 25,000/- was sanctioned in favour of Shri Prem Chand Memorial Building and Development Scheme Committee, Lamhi, Varanasi for

holding a seminar on 31st July, 1995 to celebrate the birth anniversary of Munshi Prem Chand.

But the Demand Draft for payment of the Ist instalment amounting Rs. 18,750/- was returned undelivered owing to the non-availability of the addressee at the address given by the organisation.

Now, the sanction of grant has been revalidated and the payment will be made to the grantee soon.

[English]

Lift Irrigation in Orissa

3377. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of lift irrigation points in working conditions in the state of Orissa till date;

(b) whether more than 50% lift points are not working;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide water in irrigated areas and to face the draught situation in Orissa; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) 10,150.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). As per the information furnished by the State Government, to save standing crops, the details of the area covered by irrigation under Major, Medium, Minor (Flow) and lift irrigation sector are as under :

Major and Medium	951.64 thousand hectares
Minor (Flow)	180.326 thousand hectares
Minor (Lift)	79.476 thousand hectares

During Kharif 1996, much emphasis has been given to provide water in irrigated areas through lift irrigation projects. A sum of Rs. 1.20 crore, released from Calamity Relief Fund, has been deposited by the Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation with GRID Corporation of Orissa for energisation of 441 LIPs. Similarly, Rs. 53.10 lakh released from Calamity Relief Fund has been placed at the disposal of Orissa Lift Irrigation Corporation for repair/replacement of 531 LIPs etc. Besides sum of Rs. 70.00 lakh has also been sanctioned from Calamity Relief Fund for repair/revival of 400 LIPs.

Government have allowed 75% subsidy on the water rate for Kharif crops to the avacutdars of the LIPs throughout the State.

Similarly, 50% subsidy has been made available to the cultivators in the avacut of LIPs throughout the State to encourage large scale compensatory rabi cultivation.

HIV

3378. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether nearly 5 million people in the country are likely to suffer from HIV infection by 2000 as stated by WHO;

(b) if so, whether various programmes run by the Government to check HIV/AIDS in the country are totally ineffective;

(c) if so, the total number of HIV positive cases reported in the country, State-wise as on November, 1996; and

(d) the new action plan Government propose to take to check/control the spread of this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No, Sir. World Health Organisation has made statistical estimates based on extrapolation.

(b) National AIDS Control Organisation a dedicated wing of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been set-up to combat spread of HIV/AIDS in the country. The strategies of the programme consist of generation of awareness among high risk behaviour group and general public about HIV/AIDS control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of blood, Surveillance; and care and support to HIV/AIDS cases.

(c) 48777 HIV positive have been reported as on November, 1996. The State-wise details is enclosed as Statement.

(d) The IXth Five Year Plan is under preparation. While strengthening programme activities, the new thrust areas include HIV/AIDS Education is secondary school, among street children, involvement of industry, other public and private sectors and NGOs, setting up of blood component separation units, continuum of care to HIV infected AIDS cases. Counselling advocacy and promotion of Voluntary Blood Donation.

STATEMENT

Sero-Surveillance for HIV Infection Period of report upto : 30th November, 1996 (Prov.)

S.No.	Name	Screened	Positive
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	43164	290
2.	Assam	10780	150
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	309	0